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Texan Appointed Director of CIA

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JOHNSON CITY, Texas — A Texan, William F. (Red) Raborn Jr., 59, was named director of the Central Intelligence Agency Sunday by President Johnson.

Raborn, a retired vice-admiral who supervised development of the Navy ballistic missile system including the Polaris, succeeds John S. McCone. McCone, a West Coast industrialist, let it be known some time ago that he wanted to resign.

The President announced Raborn's appointment here Sunday afternoon immediately after signing into law the 3.1-billion-dollar education aid bill.

He called reporters aside on the lawn at his boyhood schoolhouse and told them of the appointment. In addition to Raborn, a native of Decatur, Wise County, Mr. Johnson named Richard M. Helms as deputy director of the CIA. Helms, a Pennsylvania native, succeeds Lt. Gen. Marshall S. Carter.

Raborn currently is vice-president of Aero-Jet General Corp. in Pasadena, Calif.

Raborn came to the LBJ Ranch at Stonewall Saturday from Pasadena for "talks" with Mr. Johnson. Helms was also present.

The group was to fly back to Washington early Monday morning with the President.

Raborn said that while he grew up in Oklahoma, he and his wife "voted out of Baytown." Baytown, Harris County, was his wife's home.

A former Navy flyer and command officer, Raborn holds the Silver Star for "conspicuous" action in the Pacific in World War II. He was also awarded a Distinguished Service Medal for his part in the Navy's ballistic missile program.

Raborn, a pleasant, soft-spoken man, was graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1928. Before his retirement in 1963, Raborn was deputy chief of naval operations for research.

At Aero-Jet General, he was in charge of program management. Aero-Jet, among other things, builds engines for the big Titan rockets.

Raborn is a friend of retired Lt. Gen. C. P. Cabell of Dallas. Cabell is the brother of Rep. Earle Cabell of Dallas and is a former deputy director of the CIA.

Previous CIA directors have included Allen Dulles, Gen. Walter Bedell Smith and Roscoe Hillenkoetter.

Helms has been with the CIA since it was created in 1947.